





To-day's  
Advertisements.

## HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

## SPOON COMPETITION.

TOMORROW (SATURDAY), the 24th instant, at 2.45 P.M.  
Rangefire—600, 700 and 800 yards.  
7 Shots and 1 Slighter.  
MOWBRAY S. NORTHGOTE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1900. [47]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

TUESDAY, the 27th February, 1900,  
and

WEDNESDAY, the 28th February, 1900,  
Each day commencing at 2.30 P.M.,  
at his Sales Rooms, Zealand Street, No. 2.

A LARGE LOT OF  
READY MADE GENTLEMEN'S  
CLOTHING.

All New and Latest Style.  
Comprising:  
OVERCOATS, TROUSERS, EVENING  
DRESSES, WAISTCOATS, &c.

Also:  
GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS, COLLARS,  
NECKTIES, FELT HATS, STRAW HATS,  
TWEED SUIT LENGTHS, FLANNEL  
SHIRTS, English made Black and Brown  
BOOTS and SHOES, CARPET and PLUSH  
SLIPPERS, &c., &c., &c.

A collection of Valuable JEWELLERY,  
WATCHES, RINGS, BRACELETS, PEN-  
DANTS, BROOCHES, &c.  
Catalogues issued Prior to Sale.  
On View at the Undersigned's.  
TERMS OF SALE: As customary.  
PAUL BREWITT,  
Auctioneer.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1900. [243b]

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR  
DRAMATIC CLUB  
will give

TWO MORE PERFORMANCES  
of  
'THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD,'  
on

SATURDAY, the 3rd March, 1900,  
Under the distinguished Patronage of Their  
Excellencies Sir HENRY BLAKE, G.C.M.G.,  
and Lady BLAKE,  
and on

MONDAY, the 5th March,  
Positively the Last Performances.  
The Booking Office will be Opened at the  
CITY HALL, on TUESDAY, the 27th instant,  
at 10 A.M.

H. G. NICOLLE,  
Acting Manager.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1900. [243b]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAIKUN,"  
Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the  
above Ports, TOMORROW, the 24th instant,  
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1900. [237b]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAICHING,"  
Captain Davis, will be despatched for the  
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 25th instant,  
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1900. [240b]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"S.S. 'STUTTGART'"  
of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

THE above named Steamer having arrived,  
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that  
their Goods, with the exception of Opium,  
Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and  
stored at their risk into the Godowns of the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery  
may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless  
notice to the contrary be given before Noon,  
TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 1st March, will be  
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to  
be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on THURSDAY, the 1st March, and  
MONDAY, the 5th March, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 7th  
March, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the  
Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.  
MEYER & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1900. [22]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR,"  
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods  
will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed  
at once.

Cargo remaining on board after the 27th  
instant, at 2 P.M., will be landed at Con-  
signees' risk and expense into the Godowns of  
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Co., Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and  
PENANG are requested to make IMMEDIATE  
DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside;  
such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1900. [242b]

To-day's  
Advertisement.

## LECTURE.

CAPTAIN G. C. ANDERSON has kindly  
consented to deliver an Address on  
"THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST,"  
in the ST. ANDREW'S HALL, at the CITY HALL,  
on TUESDAY, the 27th instant, at 5.15 P.M.  
The Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD will take the  
Chair.

The MEETING is open to Ladies and  
Members of the Public.

HENRY E. POLLOCK,  
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG OLD VOLUMES  
SOCIETY.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1900. [241b]

## Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
LIMITED.

## WINE MERCHANTS.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## CLARETS.

These CLARETS are bought direct  
from the leading French growers.  
The lowest priced are of exceptional  
value and guaranteed to be the  
genuine product of the juice of the  
grape, and are not artificially made  
as is generally the case with cheap  
Wines.

CHATEAU LA TOUR CARNET, CHA-  
TEAU LAUZAN and CHATEAU LAFFITE  
are commended to the notice of Con-  
signees as high-class after-dinner  
Wines of a rich and rare character.

Sample bottles and smaller quanti-  
ties will be supplied at proportionate  
wholesale rates.

We guarantee our Wines and Spirits  
to be genuine only when bought  
direct from us in the Colony or from  
our authorised Agents at the Coast  
Ports.

A. S. WATSON & Co., LIMITED.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1900.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR.

Conje's Retreat.

LONDON, February 21st.

Newspaper despatches state that Comman-  
dant Cronje on leaving Magerfontein took  
5,000 men, the heavy guns and transport,  
and ordered the rest to escape independently.  
Commandant Cronje's rear-guard successfully  
covered the retreat all Friday while the bulk  
of the force crossed the Modder River.

The British force sent to intercept the  
retreat arrived too late, the rear-guards, flank  
and rear were perpetually harassed, the fight-  
ing was desperate and the force afterwards  
joined the main body. The pursuit was  
continued till daybreak.

Rhodesia.

The Rhodesians attacked a fort at Cro-  
codile pools on the 12th instant and were  
repulsed.

Casualties.

The casualties at Paardeberg include 9  
Officers killed, 39 wounded, and one missing.

Natal.

The fifth division has crossed the Tugela  
by a pontoon bridge and driven back the  
enemy's rear guard. The Naval guns have  
silenced all the enemy's guns.

Two Generals Wounded.

Lord Robert wired that General Knox and  
General Macdonald have been wounded.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER GAZETTE SERVICE.

THE WAR.

Casualties.

LONDON, February 22nd.

The War Office list of casualties at Rens-  
berg, 15th instant, gives Major Stock, Lieut.  
Thornton and Prior, and 158 men missing  
or prisoners.

## The Western Frontier.

Lord Roberts at Paardeberg, 1st instant,  
says that finding it impossible to assault  
Commandant Cronje's position without  
heavy loss, he decided to bombard it, in the  
meanwhile he turned his attention to the  
enemy's re-inforcements who were driven off  
in all directions, losing a good many. Fifty  
prisoners who were captured state that they  
arrived from Ladysmith two days earlier.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Observatory report says—  
On the 23rd at 11.55 a.m. the barometer con-  
tinues falling slowly on the China coast. The  
depression seems to be still situated in the Sea  
of Japan. Pressure highest over N. China. Gra-  
dients slight with moderate monsoon on the  
coast, and in the N. part of the China Sea.  
FORECAST:—Moderate N.E. winds; fine.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Rattler* returned to Singapore from  
Sarawak on the morning of the 14th inst.

Two large rice mills were burned down at  
Bangkok on the 3rd, due it is supposed, to  
Chinese crackers. The damage is estimated  
at 500,000 ticals.

THE *Kagero*, one of the newly-built Japanese  
torpedo-boats, arrived at Singapore from Lon-  
don via Colombo on the 14th inst. The *Kagero*  
is a vessel of 297 tons and carries a crew of 45  
men. She was expected to proceed to Japan  
to-day.

A LECTURE will be delivered in St. Andrew's  
Hall, at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday next, by Captain  
G. C. Anderson, on "The Situation in the Far  
East," under the auspices of the Old Volumes  
Society. The Hon. T. H. Whitehead will take  
the chair and the meeting will be open to ladies  
and the public.

A KORE contemporary says:—The 24-centi-  
metre gun manufactured by the Osaka Arsenal  
—the biggest ever made in Japan—was  
successfully tested recently at the Artillery  
Range at Haruki in Senhoku district, Kwachi.  
The success is said to have decided the Autho-  
rities at the arsenal to produce more guns of  
the same size.

THE Band of the Hongkong Regiment will  
play at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow (Sat-  
urday) evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.:

PROGRAMME.

1. March "Berliner Pilsener March" (Stella).

2. Overture "Savoy Fair" (Williams).

3. Waltz "Annie" (Reilly).

4. Selection "Scarlet Feather" (Lorca).

5. Song "Laden Almond" (Thomas).

6. Polka "Run Run Run" (Thiers).

"God save the Queen."

"Toujours file—jamais face!" *Puoris*  
*Anglais! Puoris Warren!* is the sarca-  
stically sympathetic comment of an Indo-China  
contemporary on the difficulties attending the  
Spionkop advance. If our French friend would  
only wait a bit he will at last convert his  
*jamais* into *presque jamais* and then perhaps  
he will have to invert his "pile and face"  
phrase when the real plan of campaign begins.

YESTERDAY while one of the shroffs at a  
Chinese money changer's was counting some  
notes, a coolie, passing the shop, made a grab  
and managed to walk off with \$1000 worth.  
Fortunately an Indian constable, who was on  
special duty close by, saw the theft and gave  
chase to the thief, and, after a short chase,  
captured him with the notes in his possession.  
To-day at the Magistracy the prisoner was  
brought up and sentenced to six months' hard  
labour.

## THE RACES.

The tables which we publish below giving  
an analysis of the three days' racing will ex-  
plain themselves and from them the merits of  
the respective stables, jockeys and ponies can  
be gathered. On the whole the meeting may  
be said to have been a most satisfactory one,  
the fields were fairly large and the racing good,  
the only drawback being the rather unpleasant  
weather of the first two days and the heavy  
state of the course, which will be seen from  
the tables, rendered the going much slower  
than last year.

STABLES.

Owner. No. of Horses. First. Second. Third. Time.

Mr. Buxey 20 4 5 5 14

"Toog 11 4 1 1 6

"Derick Hunter 24 3 6 5 14

"John Peel 16 3 2 1 6

"Dorset 5 3 0 0 3

"G. H. Potts 26 2 3 3 8

"Pogose 4 2 2 0 4

"Tiere 7 2 1 1 4

"David 17 1 1 0 3

"J. H. Lewis 6 1 1 1 3

"F. H. May 4 1 1 1 3

"Wildman 4 1 1 0 2

"Hart Buck 8 1 0 1 1

"Sir H. McMahon 9 1 0 0 1

"Mr. Babinston 4 1 0 0 1

"Mansfield 4 1 0 0 1

"Dryadist 5 0 3 0 3

"Capt. Bancroft 6 0 1 1 2

"Messrs. McKie & Gove 9 0 1 1 2

"Wheel-Rot 6 0 0 2 2

"R. B. Johnson 2 0 0 0 0

"Schite 1 0 0 0 0

"St. Simon 5 0 0 0 0

"Hermann 4 0 0 0 0

"Hewer 4 0 0 0 0

"Caraher 4 0 0 0 0

"Magpie 3 0 0 0 0

"Waylong 4 0 0 0 0

"E. Kelly 3 0 0 0 0

"Kingston 2 0 0 0 0

"Darius 2 0 0 0 0

## JOCKEYS.

Name. Races. First. Second. Third. Place.

Mr. Gresson 24 7 3 2 12

"Willamier 23 5 5 7 18

"Jones 18 2 0 1 6

"Johnson 21 3 0 1 6

"Buckill 21 3 0 3 8

"Cumming 22 2 4 5 11

Mr. Crawford	18	2	1	5
"Walwyn	15	2	0	2
"Moller	22	1	2	8
"Keyes	1	1	0	0
"Hart Buck	12	0	1	3
"West	3	0	1	1
"Brice	1	0	0	1
"Cox	14	0	0	1
"Greene	1	0	0	0
"Anderson	3	0	0	0
"Cricketshank	5	0	0	0
"Hinton	7	0	0	0

## FONIES.

Name.	No. of Runs.	First.	Second.	Third.	Time Placed.
Pluto	3	3	0	0	3
Orange Blossom	4	1	2	0	4
Desert King	5	2	2	0	4
Shannon	4	2	0	1	4
Rose de France	3	2	0	0	2
Thunderstorm	4	1	2	0	3
Beecham	5	1	1	0	3
Tom Thob	4	1	1	1	3
White Rose	3	1	1	0	3
China Rose	3	1	1	0	2
Bulbul	3	1	1	0	2
Sandstorm.	3	1	1	0	2



## THE LATE FATHER MAZERY.

It was with deep regret that the Roman Catholic community of Hongkong heard of the death, says the *Singapore Free Press* of the 18th inst., yesterday afternoon, at the Bishop's House, Victoria Street, of the Very Rev. Christopher Mazery, Vicar General of the Diocese of Malacca, and curate of the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd at Singapore. Born in Nantes, France, in 1840, he arrived in Singapore in 1868 and he was sent to relieve the late Father Allard in Malacca, where he remained till 1875, when he was sent to Taipei where he built the Church of the Sacred Heart. In 1880 he had to go to France for the benefit of his health and on his return he was sent to Pulo Tikus, Penang, where he remained till 1877, when the death of Canon Delouette induced Bishop Fee to nominate him to the position he held at the time of his death. After his death his body lay in state in a chapel adjacent to the Bishop's House till 7 this morning, when it was carried in procession to the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, where Bishop Fee, assisted by Fathers Terrier and Green, and in the presence of Bishop Bourdon and the Portuguese Vicar General and the other priests, sang a pontifical requiem high mass for the repose of his soul. The body will lie in state in the Cathedral till this afternoon, when at 3.30 vespers for the dead will be sung, to be followed by the usual funeral service and at its conclusion about 4.15 a procession will be formed and the body will be taken to and buried in the Church of St. Joseph at the ninth mile-stone at Bukit Timah. Father Mazery was a good musician and an accomplished scholar and his death at the age of 60 years, half of which had been spent in Malaya, will be a great loss to the Roman Catholic community and to replace him in the Vicar Generalship Bishop Fee has a difficult task before him.

## A REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

Sir William MacCormac, in a letter from the front to the *Telegraph*, tells of the remarkable escape of a colour-sergeant in the West Yorks Regiment at Willow Grange. A bullet pierced his haversack and struck his dinner-knife at half an inch from the hilt, breaking it clean across, the remaining portion being twisted half round. It then traversed a tin of ointment, broke the heavy clasp-knife hanging from his belt, gouged an inch and a quarter out of his despatch-book (three-quarters of an inch thick) which was hanging beneath the knife, and entered his hip for about one-eighth of an inch, carrying a piece of shirt with it and making a very superficial wound.

## THE 'UNEARNED INCREMENT' IN GERMAN CHINA.

A novel land law, which reminds one strangely of the principles held by the single-taxers in regard to the "unearned increment," has been put into operation in the German territory of Kiaochow. We take the following description from the *Amsterdam Handelsblad*.

The Germans are not doing things hastily in Kiaochow, but neither are they doing things by halves, as their excellent regulation of the land laws shows. Originally the land, as everywhere in China, belonged to the crown, everyone living on it being a tenant. Two dangers had been avoided: (1) The danger that the Chinese tenants, who are keen business men, might take advantage of the German occupation to give a fictitious value to the land. This actually happened. In some villages ten times as much is asked for the land as before the Germans came. (2) The danger that foreign speculators should obtain the land and hold it to the disadvantage of immigrants. The first act of the Germans was therefore to forbid the sale of land until further orders. The inhabitants then were offered the equivalent of two years' taxes in cash, as a kind of premium, for which they bound themselves to sell to the German Government only, at the price current when this agreement was made. The great majority accepted.

From time to time, parcels of land are offered for sale; the government appointing a minimum price. The Government must be informed as to the business the purchaser intends to carry on. Six per cent. of the value of the land has to be paid in taxes. It will be noticed that this much lower taxation than is paid in Hongkong and Shanghai, and indeed very reasonable for the far East. The Government reserves to itself the right to purchase back the property at the lowest bonafide offer made by an intending purchaser. If the Government does not make use of this right, one per cent. duty has to be paid by the buyer and the same per cent. by the vendor. The most important clause, however, is that the Government may collect up to 33 per cent. in taxes on the increase of value as compared with the original price. This tax may also be imposed if no sale is made within 25 years, when the property will be newly appraised.

The Government argues in all this as follows: the prices offered at first will be much below the value the land will have in a short time. By the above regulations, the Government insures to itself a ground rent proportionate to the increase of value, without hurting the interests of private enterprise. If the value of the land does not increase, no further taxation is imposed. If, however, there is an increase in value due to good government and general prosperity, rather than to individual efforts, the community must share the profits, taking one-third. The main object, nevertheless, is to prevent those land speculators which have done so much harm in the far East, as well as in America, and to counteract the usury which the speculators practise on their tenants. No merchant will under such rules buy land which he does not need.

On the other hand, the minimum prices are such that comparatively poor people can settle in German territory. Indeed, all the land offered at first was sold in five days.—*Translation made for "The Literary Digest."*

## THE CURE FOR ALCOHOLISM.

Doctors Thebaud and Sappeller have been continuing their experiments with the serum taken from alcoholised horses, which is supposed to cure extreme cases of the craving for strong drink. Aided by the physician M. Bignon, they have been injecting habitual drunkards with the stuff, and the result is that the tapers, who formerly could not see a public-house or wine-shop without desiring to enter therein, now pass such places without a pang, and have become models of sobriety, if not patterns of all the virtues. They loathe absinthe, which was formerly to them the only thing worth living for, and they hold in equal detestation cognac, rum, and the deleterious sort of wine known as *petit bleu*. A butcher, who was formerly a confirmed absinthe drinker, and absorbed ten glasses of the stuff daily, after the injection of the serum, found that his favourite drink was detestable. Rather than cut his connection with his house of call for stimulants, he still went there twice a day, for absinthe, but two additional injections of

the serum caused him to become a teetotaler. The drink cure is said to possess a vivifying quality, which Professor Mechnikoff, of the Pasteur Institute, calls stimulative. In order to obtain this mysterious stuff, which is to regenerate the hard-drinking portion of mankind, Messrs. Thebaud, Sappeller, and Breca take a thoroughly strong and healthy horse, and make that animal a confirmed drunkard. Blood is then taken from the jugular vein of the alcoholised quadruped; it becomes coagulated in sterilised phials; the serum detaches itself and is put into tubes. Lovers of dumb animals will be glad to hear, on the authority of the experimentalists, that the horses stand the experiments without injury to their equine constitutions. The method was first tried with dogs, guinea pigs, and rabbits; which had been previously imbued with an immoderate craving for alcohol. Then the experimentalists began on men who were notorious for their addiction to pernicious liquor, and success ensued. The method is still being tested by a committee of the Academy of Medicine, and the discoverers are confident of the result.

## POPULARITY OF THE POSTAL ORDER.

## SOME ASTONISHING FIGURES.

There is an interesting article on postal orders in the *Daily Telegraph*. Since the establishment of the postal-order system in 1881 the sum of £293,529,000 has been remitted through the post by means of it. The number of orders issued being 778,389,000. At the present time the annual remittance is £90,000,000 orders representing £28,000,000. The most popular of all the denominations was as might be supposed, the 20s. order, of which the issue is now at the rate of 11,000,000 in the year, but the 5s. order, which has always run its very close, has now also crept up to the same rate of issue. The 10s. order is not far behind, having an issue at the rate of 10,000,000 a year, while the next denomination in point of popularity is the 1s. order, which has an annual sale of £8,000,000. It is a noteworthy fact that the two lowest denominations are very largely used, the issue of the 1s. order having indeed increased of late years in leaps and bounds. This is, of course, due in a great measure to the less complicated nature of the order, which has become a prominent feature in our midst, and for which an entrance fee of 1s. is charged; while the 1s. subscription lists, now so popular, have also no doubt contributed largely to the same result. The plan of using postage stamps to make up broken amounts has also done much to increase their popularity. In 1884, the first year of its adoption, £11,000 worth of postage stamps were used in this manner, while at the present time the amount has risen to considerably over £1,000,000.

## TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

## A NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM CARDINAL VAUGHAN.

The Editor of the *Catholic Mirror*, the official organ of the archdiocese of Baltimore, having written to his Eminence Cardinal Vaughan to send a New Year's greeting to the American people, received the following reply: "You ask me a strange thing, to send a New Year's Greeting to the American people? What claim have I to be heard by a population more than double that of Great Britain and Ireland? It would be an impertinence to attempt such a thing. But I may say to you that I know me know that I wish from my heart every blessing to the American people. One cannot fail to see that it may be in the providence of God to use the American Republic and the British Empire in furtherance of His designs of mercy and salvation for the human race. But if we are not to be used simply as the beast of burden to Christianity, we must render ourselves fit instruments to do the work of God by comparing ourselves with becoming humility and self-restraint and keeping the fear of God before our eyes more steadily than we have done in the past. The Catholics of both countries have a distinguished and exalted mission. They are the leaven in the lump. I hope we shall ever remember this and mould our thoughts and lives accordingly. We ought to be striking out as heralds of the Gospel in foreign lands. We enrich ourselves when enriching others with the truth. To abandon to others the apostolic work of Christianity would be to abdicate our place and our mission in the vanguard of Christian civilization. If we are proud of our power and of our position we must value our high responsibilities. I venture to hope that you, sir, in your paper, to which I wish a lengthened and prosperous career, will be a mouth piece of all that is great and noble in the American people."

## A PECULIAR PHENOMENON.

The phenomenon of black rain has often puzzled observers, but the question of its nature and constitution seems settled by the analysis of Major Edouard F. A. S. who contributed a paper on the subject to a number of *Knowledge*. Its occurrence in Grahamstown and its neighbourhood on August 14th, 1883, was repeated on August 6th of last year but only the more recent occasion was subjected to microscopic examination. The fall eleven years ago was heralded by incessant low rumbling thunder, and on August 6th last was preceded by a continuous bombardment of snuffed growing thunder, varied by one smart deafening peal. It was this similarity in the sound of the storm which suggested to Major Edouard an examination of the water fallen on August 6th last, and he was not surprised to find that, as on the previous occasion, it was of a black hue, and mixed with ink. When collected and set to stand in a white enamelled vessel, it deposited some of its colouring matter in the form of black sediment, consisting of visibly separate particles, which crumbled to almost impalpable dust on being seized in the fingers. The microscope showed the black to consist of spores of apparently organic structure, as the appearance of a dark nucleus could be traced in many of them, while some appeared to be germinating by throwing out filaments. It is suggested that these *aerial fungi* are organisms.

As an infest-much of the vegetation of the Cape Colony, producing in its earlier stages only a black rain extending over an area of about square miles was recorded in Ireland in 1868; and as at Grahamstown, it deposited a black sediment when allowed to stand, but it was not microscopically examined. That a quantity of fungus spores are always suspended in the atmosphere, has been proved experimentally, and Mr. M.C. Cooke, in his work on "Fungi" tells how they can be cultivated in a suitable medium which quickly becomes a forest of fungusoid vegetation. Some attack insects, and perhaps start in this way a fresh cycle of existence; a fact which has been utilized at the Cape of Good Hope as a means of exterminating locusts. Often a scourge to the agriculturist, this power of rapid reproduction possessed by the organisms is in this case the agent of destruction, as the parasitic growths, once started, multiply as long as finds circumstances congenial to its development.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT MAGERSFONTEIN.

The severity of the censorship, even in the case of mailed despatches, has made it difficult to get at the truth of the battle of Magersfontein. But by comparing a large number of accounts some idea of the real events may be deduced, and we therefore give the following extracts:

## AN ASTONISHING FORMATION.

Of the whole brigade there was only the front rank of "A" Company of ours that could have used their rifles, as everything else was straight in rear of them.—Letter of a 2nd Black Watch non-com.

## A SENSATIONAL STATEMENT.

There is not the slightest doubt but that Lord Methuen has lost the confidence of every man in the Highland Brigade. I am not going too far in saying that they are afraid to trust their lives to him.—Highland Brigade man's letter in *Glasgow Herald*.

## MARCHED TO THEIR DOOM.

The Highland Brigade marched in quarter column to their doom, almost falling into the Boer trenches in the dim light of early dawn. Vauchoppe's last words, "For God's sake, men, do not blame me for this," will gladden the heart of his numerous friends and admirers.—Earl De La Warr, in the *Globe*.

## A GENERAL PANIC.

Someone shouted "Retire!" while others shouted "No; forward." What with one order and another, there was a general panic. Officers, colour-sergeants, etc., were not to be seen. All the brigade was mixed up. We made three charges, and with the same result.—Letter from a lance-corporal, Seaforth Highlanders.

## LORD METHUEN AND A REMONSTRANCE.

When the enemy opened fire, General Vauchoppe, our brave general who was killed, turned to us and said: "Don't blame me, lads." We hear that he remonstrated with Lord Methuen before we left camp about the plans, but Methuen only told him to obey orders.—Letter from Corporal Bevan, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, in *Daily News*.

## WHOSE WAS THE ORDER?

The last words of General Vauchoppe are given as "This is not my order." Whose was the order to which he and many gallant men were sacrificed, the order march in close formation to within 200 yards of Boer trenches, the existence of which was not suspected, and had not been revealed by careful scouting. The order was Lord Methuen's. *Evening News*.

## FATAL BLUNDER.

The advance in quarter-column formation was, of course, a fatal blunder, as like was the failure to locate the enemy's exact position beforehand. But in spite of this one gathers from the speech afterwards made to the troops by Lord Methuen, that in his judgment victory might still have been achieved but for an unfortunate order to withdraw, delivered on one knows by whom.—*Westminster Gazette*.

## "OUR OWN MEN HITTING US."

Our own men were firing from behind us, at the Boers, so, of course, could not be hitting some of us. I do not know what regiment they belonged to, but it made it too hot for us. I do not think it is the least doubtful we should have taken the position if it had not been for this, as also two wire fences we had to get over during our charge.—Lieutenant R. B. Graham, in letter to his father, Colonel Graham, of Cheltenham.

## LEFT IN A BUTCHER'S SHOP.

General Vauchoppe no doubt, went to find death when such a disastrous fire opened, but he had previously shouted on the ramparts of the Argylls, "Highlanders don't blame me for this; I received my orders, and had to obey them." With proper handling we could have cleared the Boers out in two hours; as it was, we were taken into a butcher's shop and left there. Letter of Colour-Sergeant Gray, from De Aar Hospital.

## "AN AWFUL MISTAKE."

Private Robert Carlyle, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, writing to his parents in Dumfries regarding the battle of Magersfontein, where his brother Alexander was killed, says: "The general made an awful mistake. He ordered us right up the hills on top of their trenches, and five regiments composing the Highland Brigade were in close marching order when the enemy fired into us, at fifty yards. Someone shouted 'Retire,' and we ran out of range. It was a night attack, but the enemy knew of our coming and lay in wait.—*Morning Advertiser*.

## LOST, CONFUSED.

What could we do? It was dark. The men did not know where they were. The general did, but we were led into all the same like lambs to the slaughter. Somebody shouted 'Retire,' and we did—well, not a retire, but a stampede, 4,000 men like a flock of sheep running for dear life. Had we opened out in attacking or skirmishing order we could have rushed the trenches, but in the formation we were in we were helpless. All through stupid blundering and bad generalship we have lost confidence.—Letter from Highland Light Infantry soldier.

## AN UGLY SPECTACLE.

A Grenadier on the right looked across and saw the dust rising on the plain, and thought the Boers were coming out of their trenches; an officer beside him, using his field glasses, assured him that it was only our cavalry galloping across to cut off the enemy in the rear. What both saw was the Highland Brigade in full retreat. Back they came in a wave that no officer could stop, and the guns were left out in the open with no one to support them. It was perhaps the most unpleasant sight that a British soldier of to-day has ever beheld.—*Morning Post War Correspondent*.

## A TERRIBLE PICTURE.

General Wanchoppe was down riddled with bullets; yet gasping, dying blood from every vein, the Highlanders carried him off on their hands and knees, and cheered his men forward. Men and officers fell in heaps together. The Black Watch charged, and the Gordons and the Seaforth, with a yell that stirred the British camp below, rushed onward—onward to death or disaster. The accused were caught them round the legs until they floundered, like trapped wolves, and all the time the rifles of the Boer sang the song of death in their ears. Then they fell back, broken and beaten, leaving nearly 1,300 dead and wounded.—*War Correspondent of Daily News*.

## NOT THE MEN'S FAULT.

It is difficult to sum up impressions of an encounter which has resulted badly without referring again to the want of information which caused the initial blunder and consequent slaughter. It is not too much to say that no troops could have retained their morale in a situation for which not the slightest preparation has yet been offered. Whose is the fault is not the question to raise yet, but it is only fair to the men who were thus shaken to state frankly that it was by no fault of their own that they were compelled without alternative to begin an arduous day by retreating in disorder; and it must not be forgotten that for the rest of the day the brigade was practically without officers in a position in which they require leadership more than usual.—*Times Correspondent*.

## "VERY STRANGE STORIES."

Not to go back on what was said when the first news came of Magersfontein, it was intimated here last week that there were already in London very strange stories about the gen-

eralship then and afterwards, and the relations between the general and the senior members of his staff. We are told everything received has been published, and that promptly, except purely "Service" telegrams. Would "Service" telegrams include a justification for running one's head against a stone wall without even an attempt at a thorough previous reconnaissance, and if that attempt were made without the privacy of the senior members of the staff on the spot, and against the leading major-general's advice what is to be said—even by the Secretary for War specially responsible for the appointment?—Mr. Charles Williams in *Morning Leader*.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

Captain J. E. Farrell, of the steamship *Albatross*, from Siam, reports:—Strong N.E. wind with high sea.

Captain W. Davis, of the steamship *Halcyon*, from Fochow, Amoy and Swatow, reports:—Weather moderate and fine throughout. Vessels in Swatow:—*Esang, Tamsui, Bellerophon*, and *Tryn*.

## NOTANDA.

## CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY.  
Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.  
Barometer.....30.141  
Thermometer.....57.3  
Humidity.....70.7  
Rainfall.....1.76

## TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.  
On date at 10 a.m. On date at 4 p.m.  
Barometer.....30.71 30.09  
Temperature.....61 61  
Humidity.....52 45  
Rainfall.....— —

## TO-DAY.

Friday, 23rd February, 1900.  
Chinese—27th of 1st moon of 26th year of Kwang-shi.  
Sun—Rises.....6hr. 28min.  
Sets.....5hr. 58min.  
High water.....2hr. 19min.  
Afternoon.....6hr. 27min.  
Low water.....11hr. 13min.  
ANNIVERSARIES.

1792—Sir Joshua Reynolds died.  
1835—Opium seized and burnt by the Canton authorities.  
1841—Hostilities between England and China recommenced.  
1848—French Revolution broke out.  
1857—The steamer *Queen* captured and burnt by pirates.  
1867—First stone of the Hongkong City Hall laid.  
1896—Explosion of a powder magazine at Kiangyin; 200 lives lost.  
1897—Hunan Land Telegraph line completed.

## TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 24th February, 1900.  
Chinese—28th of 1st moon of 26th year of Kwang-shi.  
Sun—Rises.....6hr. 28min.  
Sets.....5hr. 59min.  
High water.....3hr. 25min.  
Afternoon.....6hr. 28min.  
Low water.....11hr. 14min.  
ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Evacuation of Chusan by the British.  
1884—Boiler explosion on the steamer *Yotsui*; 6 Europeans and 20 Chinese killed.  
1897—Massacre of the British Resident at Mambare, New Guinea, with 5 miners and 40 natives.

## AGENDA.

TO-DAY.  
Queen's College—Term begins.  
Cargo ex *Ophac* subject to rent.

## TO-MORROW.

OFF DAY, HONGKONG RACES.  
(About) 10 a.m.—Steamer *Jana*, leaves for Shanghai and Japan.  
9 p.m.—A.D.C. "Yeoman of the Guard" at City Hall.  
Cargo ex *Ceramantel* subject to rent.  
Cargo ex *Denbighshire* subject to rent.

SUNDAY, 25th.  
C.N. steamer *Kwaiyang*, leaves for Tientsin.  
Shewan Tomes & Co.'s steamer *Morven* for New York.

MONDAY, 26th.  
3 p.m.—Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.'s ordinary yearly meeting at Queen's Buildings.  
9 p.m.—A.D.C. "Yeoman of the Guard" at City Hall.

4 p.m.—Time for the receipt for Army Tenders, for Supplies and Services, expires.  
8.30 for 9 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Egleth Mark Lodge.

H.K.V.C. ORDERS.  
5.30 p.m.—E. Co. E. L. run at Belchers. Launch leaves S. M. Pier.

TUESDAY, 27th.  
Shrove Tuesday.  
(About) Doodwell & Co.'s steamer *Birch* leaves for New York.

Noon—Eleventh Annual Meeting of Shareholders in Gen. Fenwick & Co. Ltd., at Hongkong Hotel.

ASH WEDNESDAY.  
Noon—The China-Borneo Co. Ltd. First Ordinary Yearly Meeting, at No. 4 Queen's Buildings.

Noon—Meeting of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace, at the Magistracy.  
(About) C. & O. steamer *Belgian King* leaves for San Diego and San Francisco.

Sanitary Board Notice—Time Expires for lime-washing houses in Eastern District.

THURSDAY, 1st March.  
Noon—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. Thirty-first Ordinary Annual meeting at Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s offices.

3 p.m.—"Creggan" sold by auction by Mr. H. N. Mody, at Messrs. Sassoon & Co.'s offices.

3 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.  
8.30 for 9 p.m.—Regular Meeting of the Zealand Lodge.

FRIDAY, 2nd.  
Noon—N.Y. K. steamer *Miki Maru*, leaves for Bombay via Colombo.

## SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.  
Canadian (*Empress of Japan*) to-morrow.  
French (*Tonkin*) 25th inst.

Australian (*Chinghi*) 26th inst.  
American (*Doric*) 1st prox.  
Amei Jan (*Nippon Maru*) 5th prox.

The steamer *Chingtu*, left Manila for Hongkong to-day.

The steamer *Sungkiang*, leaves Manila for Hongkong to-day.

The steamer *Chingshi*, left Kobe for Moji and Hongkong to-day.

The O.S.S. Co.'s steamer *Glancus* left Singapore on 20th inst., and is due here on 27th inst.

The N. P. S. Co.'s steamer *Gordain*, has arrived at Yokohama and sails for Hongkong on the 25th inst.

The N. Y. K.'s steamer *Miki Maru*, Bombay, Line left Kobe, via Moji for this port on the 21st inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 28th inst.

The N. Y. K.'s steamer *Rijun Maru*, American Line left Kobe direct for this port on the 22nd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 28th inst.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.  
*Isla de Cuba*, at Kowloon Dock.  
*Belgian King*, " " "  
*Land*, " " "  
*Kongkoo*, " " "  
*Prosper*, " " "  
*Hongkong*, " " "  
*Germania*, " " "  
*Kaifong*, " " "  
*Amigo*, " " "  
*U.S.S. Monadnock*, " " "  
*U.S.S. Relief*, " " "  
*U.S.S. Iris*, " " "  
*U.S.S. Wheeling*, " " "  
*Chuen Tiao*, " " "  
*Tyr*, " " "  
*Hongkong*, " " "  
*D. Juan d'Austria*, " Cosopolitan.

*Hankow*, " " "  
*Daphne*, " " "  
*Victoria*, " " "  
*Hermes*, " " "  
Aberdeen

PASSED THE CANAL.  
Onward—2nd January—*Suneki Maru*, St. Andrews.  
5th January—*Laos, Tenkai, Erzerong, Ferdinand, Denbighshire, Ormuz*.  
9th January—*Tuskar*, 16th January—*Nurnberg*, 19th January—*Kiltsch, Andulica, Jannar, Java, Susona, Windsor*.  
30th January—*Okbrauch, Sacota*.  
2nd February—*Glancus, Glenarney*.  
6th February—*Heidelberg, Maria, Valeria, St. Konrad, Androsan, Orel*.  
9th February—*Kacachi, Hainan, Shanghai, Konic, Albert, Vindobona, Hainan, Antwerp*.  
16th February—*Anapa, Biko Maru*.  
20th February—*Anapa, Benalder, Vangtzer, Genglar, Serbia, Tamba Maru, Sibiria, Brummond, Karlsruhe, Korea*.  
Homeward—12th January—*Andulica*, 16th January—*Yarra, Serbia*.  
19th January—*Japan*, 23rd January—*Kennedy, Melbourne, 30th January—Tandalus, Beulavie, Rugby, Eskdale, St. Kilda, Koratloff, Stuttgart*.  
6th February—*Asama*.  
9th February—*Dioned, Horvick Hall*.  
13th February—*Isata Maru, Macaoan*.  
16th February—*Anbria, Savaria*.

Arrivals at Home—20th February—*Enaba Maru*.

## Shipping.

Arrivals.  
MACHOE, British steamer, 955, J. E. Farrell, 22nd Feb.—Bangkok 15th Feb, General—Butterfield & Swire.

HATING, French steamer, 705, Bast, 22nd Feb.—Hiphong 20th Feb, General—A. R. Mart.

ELISABETH RICKMERS, German steamer, 1,000, E. Malchow, 23rd Feb.—Singapore 16th Feb, General—Siemssen & Co.

HAICHING, British steamer, 1,267, W. Davis, 23rd Feb.—Fochow 20th Feb, Amoy 21st, and Swatow 22nd, General—Douglas.

Laparak & Co.

FUSHUN, Chinese steamer, 1,504, W. H. Lunt, 23rd Feb.—Canton 23rd Feb, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

PASCAL, French cruiser, 4,000, M. Motet, 23rd Feb.—Shanghai 20th February.

KUTANG, British steamer, 1,495, R. C. D. Bradley, 23rd Feb.—Java 23rd Feb, Sugar, Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CATHERINE APGAR, British steamer, 1,730, J. G. Oliffon, 23rd Feb.—Calcutta 3rd Feb, Penang and Singapore 17th, General—David Sassoon, Sons & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.  
*Halcyon*, British str., for Swatow.  
*Kwai Maru*, German str., for Saigon.  
*Devi Lim*, British steam-launch, for Macao.  
*Hongkong Maru*, Japanese str., for Shanghai.  
*Longsang*, British str., for Manila.  
*Girin*, Russian str., for Nagasaki.  
*Kasuga Maru*, Japanese str., for Manila.  
*Mejoo*, Chinese str., for Shanghai.  
*Shimi Maru*, Japanese str., for Saigon.  
*Kongnam*, British str., for Canton.  
*Poingang*, German str., for Saigon.  
*T'io Ping*, Chinese steam-launch, for Wuchow.

Departures.  
Feb. 23, *Monchong*, British str., for Bangkok.  
Feb. 23, *Denbighshire*, British str., for Nagasaki.  
Feb. 23, *Malchiff*, British str., for Saigon.  
Feb. 23, *Hubelberg*, Ger. str., for Singapore.  
Feb. 23, *Yedo Maru*, Japanese str., for Chefoo.  
Feb. 23, *Kachidate Maru*, Japanese str., for Kutchinota.

Feb. 23, *Hongkong Maru*, Japanese str., for San Francisco.  
Feb. 23, *Stuttgart*, German str., for Shanghai.  
Feb. 23, *Longsang*, British str., for Manila.  
Feb. 23, *Kasuga Maru*, Japanese str., for Saigon.  
Feb. 23, *Shimi Maru*, Japanese str., for Saigon.  
Feb. 23, *Mejoo*, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

Passengers—Arrived.  
*Per Halcyon*, from Coast Ports—Mrs. Cass, Miss McGowan, Mrs. Blake and children, Messrs. Richardson, Gracey, Master Fruin, and too Chinese.  
*Per Catherine Apgar*, from Calcutta, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Messrs. Kelley, H. M. Ferners, and 703 Chinese.

Departed.  
*Per Hongkong Maru*, for Shanghai—Messrs. D. W. Crawford, G. Willeumier, R. W. Everest, Eustace H. Burrows, Geo. A. Derby, R. C. Farbridge, Mr. and



## Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th February, 1900, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to 24th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THOS. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [127b]  
GEO. FENWICK & CO., LIMITED.

THE ELEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the HONGKONG HOTEL, on TUESDAY, the 27th February, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Director and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd to 27th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. G. WINFERNER,  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1900. [123b]  
THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 4, Queen's Buildings, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of February, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the Manager and Consulting Committee, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 28th instant, both days inclusive.

J. WHEELEY,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 12th February, 1900. [101b]

## NOTICE.

A MEETING of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace will be held at the MAGISTRACY at 2.15 P.M., on WEDNESDAY, the 28th day of February, 1900, for the purpose of considering the following Applications:

(1) From one JAMES EDWARDS for a Publican's Licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situate at house No. 25, Des Vaux Road, under the sign of "The Oriental Hotel."

(2) From one JOSEPH ROBERT GRIMMER for a Publican's Licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situate at houses Nos. 15 and 16, Jubilee Street, under the sign of "The Jubilee Hotel."

(3) From one HENRIETZ FREIMANN for permission to remove his Licensed Publican's business from houses Nos. 332 and 334, Queen's Road Central, to houses Nos. 208 and 210, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of "Land We Live In Hotel."

H. H. J. GOMPERTZ,  
Acting Police Magistrate.  
Magistracy,  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1900. [122b]  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company, will be held at the Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of March, 1900, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th February to the 1st March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATTHEW & CO.,  
General Managers.  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [129b]  
THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, 2, Connaught Road, on MONDAY, the 5th March, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd February to 5th March, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1900. [121b]  
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of March, at Noon, for the purpose of passing the following RESOLUTION.

1. That the Proposal of the Directors to call up the Unpaid Capital of the Company in ONE CALL of \$5 per Share PAYABLE on 1st July, next, is approved.

And if such Resolution is passed, for the purpose of passing the following SPECIAL RESOLUTION—

2. That the Profits accrued to the Company from the issue of a Premium of the New Shares in the Company, authorised to be issued by the Special Resolution passed on the 6th, and confirmed on the 23rd day of April, 1899, amounting to the sum of \$100,000, and which was then carried, and is now standing, to the Credit of the Reserve Fund in pursuance of such Special Resolution, be capitalised and be applied in part payment of the CALL of \$5 per Share on all the Shares in the Company, to be made by the Board.

Should the above Special Resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation at a subsequent Meeting to be called for the purpose in due course.

By Order of the Board,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th February, 1900. [123b]

## Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 9, Praya Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1899, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 20th February to 21st March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1900. [121b]  
THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd instant to the 8th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GEO. L. TOMLIN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 9th February, 1900. [171b]  
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December, 1899, at the RATE OF ONE POUND AND TEN SHILLINGS together with a BONUS OF TEN SHILLINGS Sterling per Share of \$125 is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the Nineteenth February, current, at the Offices of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1900. [125b]  
THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a MEETING of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Praya Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 29th day of January, 1900, the following Resolution was passed:

That a CALL of One Dollar per Share upon all the holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company in respect of all the Shares held by them in the above Company be and the same is hereby made. Such Calls to be paid to the Company at their Bankers, the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 31st day of March, 1900.

And Notice is also given that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest will be charged as from the said 31st day of March, 1900, at the rate of 5 per centum per annum, upon all calls remaining unpaid after the said 31st day of March, 1900, up to the actual date of payment of the same.

Shareholders are particularly requested to note that upon presentation at the office of the Company of the Bankers' receipt for payment of the call together with the certificate of the share in respect of which the call has been paid, an endorsement to that effect will be made upon the certificate.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
W. H. GASSELL,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 30th January, 1900. [130b]

## For Sale.

FOR SALE.  
PARTIALLY DECKED CENTRE BOARD YACHT *GEZMA*. Length overall 26' 6". Water Line 17' 3". Beam 5'. All Lead Ballast. Present in cruising order. For Particulars, apply to—  
"X" c/o This Office.  
Hongkong, 26th January, 1900. [116b]

Masonic.  
EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.  
A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the PREMISES, Masons' Hall, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 26th instant, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1900. [123b]

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 225, E.C.  
A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 1st March, at 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 22nd February, 1900. [123b]

NOTICE.  
THE Undermentioned Vessels will sail from CHINA DIRECT FOR MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH, LONDON.  
WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

STEAMERS. Tons. Sail. H'kong. S'pore.  
Parramatta 4886 Mar 27 Mar 31 April 6  
Masilia 5026 April 10 April 14 April 20

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
H. A. RITCHIE,  
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4th December, 1899. [123]

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.  
HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1900.  
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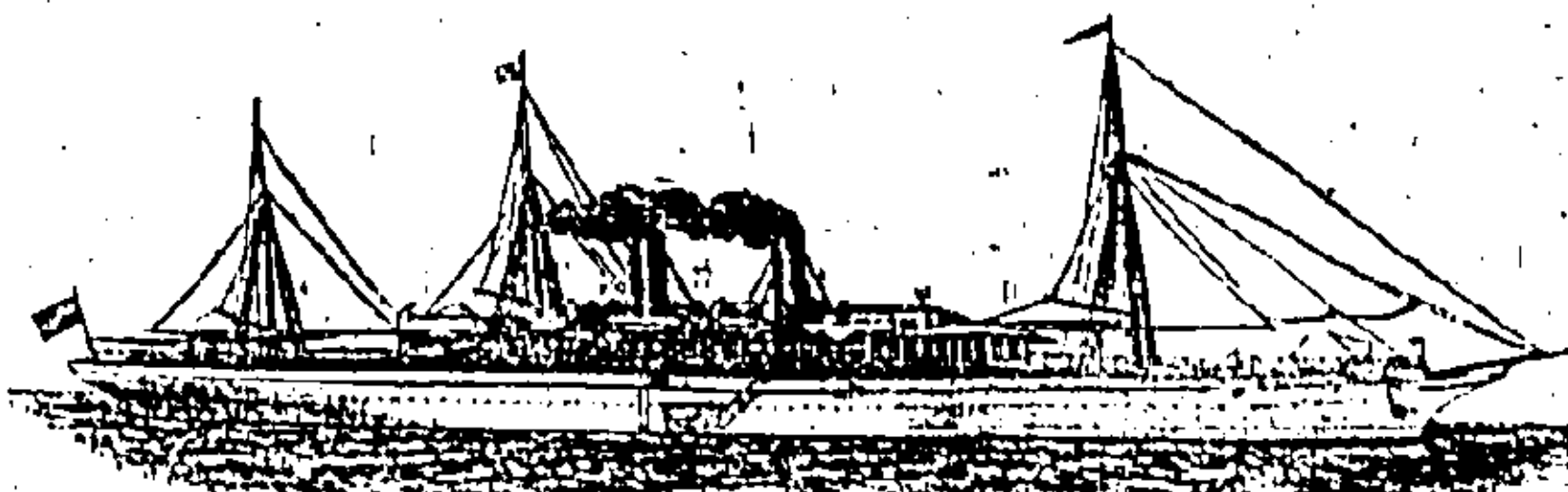
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Pulford Street, [5]  
Hongkong, 14th February, 1900.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO AND SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.  
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Belgian King...[1379] about Feb. 28  
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Edy Jolly...[1400] about Mar. 31

THE Steamship  
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will be despatched for SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, VIA KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about WEDNESDAY, the 28th February.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.  
Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the OFFICE until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo destined to Points beyond San Diego should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Diego.  
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to  
HONGKONG, CHINA AND JAPAN AGENTS.  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1900. [128]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.  
VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH  
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Olympic...[1487] J. Truebridge [Mar. 31]  
Glenogle...[1570] R. D. Jones [April 24]

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Columbia...[1976] N. Moncur [April 7]

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For further information apply to  
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,  
General Agents.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1900. [14]

THE Company's Steamship  
"DORIC,"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be addressed in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.  
For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Buildings.  
S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1900. [15]

## Mails.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
FUTAMI MARU	(NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO- HAMA	To-MORROW, 24th Feb., at Noon.
MIKE MARU	(BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	FRIDAY, 2nd March, at Noon.
*RIOJUN MARU	(VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SATURDAY, 10th March, at 4 P.M.

\* Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading issued for the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office at No. 7, Praya Central.

A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 21st February, 1900. [6]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ALESIA	BORDEAUX, HAVRE & HAMBURG. (LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	27th February. Freight.
Knuht	NEW YORK (via SUEZ CANAL)	About 18th March. Freight.
Hidebrandt	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 22nd March. Freight and Passage.
*SAVOIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 31st March. Freight.
SAXONIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	About 6th April. Freight and Passage.
HEIDELBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG. (LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG)	April. Freight and Passage.

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 20th March, at Noon.

AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 14th April, at Noon.

HONGKONG MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 8th May, at Noon.

THE Steamship  
"NIPPON MARU"  
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 20th March, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Buildings.  
S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1900. [17]

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Hongkong, 19th February, 1900. [17]







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Bank Buildings,  
Hongkong, 6th March, 1897.

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daughter

# The Share Market.

## LATEST QUOTATIONS.

(February 23rd.)

Companies.	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
<b>Banks.</b>		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$125	314 1/2 premium
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Reference)	£ 5	Nominal
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Ordinary)	£ 4	1/2 buyers
The Bank of China and Japan, Limited—(Deferred)	£ 1	1/2 buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd.	£ 8	1/2
Do. Founders	£ 1	1/2
<b>Marine Insurance.</b>		
Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	\$ 50	\$235
China Traders Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$56
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	£ 25	Tls. 180
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	\$ 60	\$125 sales
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	\$130
Straits Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$32
<b>Fire Insurance.</b>		
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$350
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$80
<b>Shipping.</b>		
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited	\$ 15	\$20
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$87
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$100
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$49
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Frel)	£ 10	10.10 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (O'ary)	£ 10	10.10
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (O'ary)	£ 10	10.10
Star Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$19
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	£ 100	\$250
<b>Refineries.</b>		
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$133
Lynn Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$47
<b>Mining.</b>		
Punjab Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$64
Punjab Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	\$1.40
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fcs. 250	\$350
Queen Mines, Ltd.	25 cts.	\$0.27
Jefferies Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$134
Ranch Altan Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	15s. 10d.	\$63
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. A	\$ 5	\$51
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd. B	\$ 4	\$4.90
Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$1
Do. (Preference)	\$ 1	\$0.40
<b>Docks, Wharves and Godowns.</b>		
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$125	\$45 1/2 premium
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$87
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd.	\$ 37	\$44
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$104
<b>Land, Hotels and Buildings.</b>		
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$9.40
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$123
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$36
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$43
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$126
Humphrey's Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$9 ex div.
<b>Cotton Mills.</b>		
Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$38
Ewo Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 60
International Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 73
Laukum-crow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 70
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	Tls. 400
Yahlong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 55
<b>Miscellaneous.</b>		
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$28
China-Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$16
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$11
Watkins, Limited	\$ 10	\$11
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$12
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 2	\$2.15
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$135
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$330
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$52
H'kong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$167
H'kong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$155
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$6
Hongkong and China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$35
Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$16
Bell's Asbestos East-ern Agency, Ltd.	£ 1	1/2 nominal
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	\$5
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$10
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$3
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Credits, 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
ON PARIS, Bank Bill, on demand	1/11 1/2
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/11 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bill, on demand	1/11 1/2
Credits, 30 days' sight	1/11 1/2
ON HONKAY, Telegraphic Transfer	1/11 1/2
On demand	1/11 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	1/11 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	1/11 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	1/11 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	1/11 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	1/11 1/2
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	1/11 1/2
Silver	1/11 1/2
Dollars	1/11 1/2

# OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 23rd February.

New Patna	955 per chest
New Benares	1,000
New Malwa	960 per picul
Old Malwa	970/980
Persian, Oily, cash	640
Persian, paper tied	860/865

# VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

AMIGO, German steamer, 771, J. Bendixen, 13th Feb.,—Hohow 12th Feb. Rice.	
BAKU STANDARD, British steamer, 3,000, H. Tucker, 22nd Feb.,—Shanghai 18th Feb. Ballast.	
BENLAWERS, British steamer, 1,484, A. Webster, 13th Feb.,—Java 4th Feb. Sugar—Gibbs, Livingston & Co.	
CEREDA, British steamer, 1,603, J. Johnson, 12th Feb.,—Singapore 2nd Feb. Case Oil.	
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
CHINA, American steamer, 3,187, D. E. Friele, 22nd Feb.,—San Francisco 24th Jan. and Shanghai 19th Feb. Mails and General.	
—P. M. S. S. Co.	
CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,055, J. Williamson, 20th Feb.,—Bangkok 9th Feb. and Swatow 19th Feb. Butterfield & Swire.	
CHOWFA, British steamer, 1,100, J. A. Morris, 13th Feb.,—Saigon 9th Feb. Rice.	
Butterfield & Swire.	
CHUNSIANG, British steamer, 1,418, E. J. Buller, 20th Feb.,—Hongay 16th Feb. Coal.	
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
DACMAR, German steamer, 912, G. Kley, 22nd Feb.,—Swatow 2nd Feb. Sugar—Melchers & Co.	
DAPHNE, German steamer, 1,292, Th. Nissen, 31st Dec.,—Kutchinotzu 26th Dec. Coal.	
—Siemens & Co.	
DECIMA, German steamer, 965, Christiansen, 13th Feb.,—Saigon 7th Feb. Rice.	
—Sander, Wier & Co.	
DEUTEROS, German steamer, 1,001, E. Petersen, 21st Feb.,—Saigon 16th Feb. Rice.	
—Siemens & Co.	
DEVAWONGSE, British steamer, 1,037, Richard Curtis, 20th Feb.,—Bangkok 10th Feb. and Koh-si-chang 13th. General—Yuen Fat Hong.	
FUTAMI MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,381, J. Thom, 21st Feb.,—Australia and Manila 19th Feb., General—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	
GERMANIA, German steamer, 1,174, A. Möller, 13th Feb.,—Java 30th Jan. Sugar—Jensen & Co.	
HAINUM, British steamer, 636, A. E. Hodgkins, 22nd Feb.,—Tamsui 19th Feb. Amoy 20th, and Swatow 21st. General—Douglas, Laprak & Co.	
HERMES, Norwegian steamer, 849, J. C. Jensen, 16th Feb.,—Saigon 11th Feb. Rice.	
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
HONGKONG, French steamer, 739, Bastian, 27th Dec.,—Haiphong and Hohow 26th Dec. General—A. R. Marty.	
KWANG PING, Chinese steamer, 1,241, W. Blake, 21st Feb.,—Shanghai 18th Feb. Ballast—Corder.	
LOKSANG, British steamer, 989, Leask, 21st Feb.,—Bangkok 13th Feb. General.	
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
LOVAL, German steamer, 1,237, Lorenzen, 21st Feb.,—Canton 21st Feb. Ballast—Sander, Wier & Co.	
LYEEMOON, German steamer, 1,238, G. Heuermann, 2nd Feb.,—Canton 21st Feb. General—Siemens & Co.	
MEYU, British steamer, 1,980, S. J. George, 6th Dec.,—Sourabaya and Cherian 25th Nov. Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
PEIVANG, German steamer, 953, R. Köhler, 19th Feb.,—Saigon 14th Feb. Rice—A. R. Marty.	
PHRA KHAN KHAO, British steamer, 1,011, J. Fowler, 21st Feb.,—Bangkok 12th Feb. Rice, &—Butterfield & Swire.	
PROSPER, Norwegian steamer, 789, Thorsten-son, 3rd Feb.,—Sourabaya 23rd January. Sugar—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	
QUEEN ADELAIDE, British steamer, 1,835, M. Nair, 19th Feb.,—Tacoma and Kobe 14th Feb. General—Dudwell & Co., Ltd.	
RELIEF, American transport, 5,000, Frank Harding, 13th Feb.,—Manila 10th Feb.	
SABINE RICKMERS, British steamer, 690, J. R. Nasbit, R.N.R., 20th Feb.,—Bangkok 31st Feb. General—Arnold, Karberg & Co.	
SISHAN, British steamer, 845, A. Jones, 22nd Feb.,—Saigon 16th Feb. Rice—Bradley & Co.	
SULLBERG, German steamer, 782, Meyer, 22nd Feb.,—Sourabaya 10th Feb. General.	
—Siemens & Co.	
SWATOW, German steamer, 631, E. Schipper, 22nd Feb.,—Haiphong 12th Feb. and Hohow 21st. Rice—Siemens & Co.	
TAMSOI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,016, K. Sobajima, 21st Feb.,—Swatow 20th Feb. General—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
TATEGAMI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,073, M. Torno, 22nd Feb.,—Moji 17th Feb. Coal—Jellies.	
TELENA, British steamer, 3,124, T. G. Scott, 21st Feb.,—Moji 16th Feb. Coal—Scott, 21st Feb. General—Dudwell & Co., Ltd.	
VICTORIA, American steamer, 1,994, John Patton, 20th Jan.,—Manila 20th January. Ballast—Dudwell & Co., Ltd.	
WINGSANG, British steamer, 1,517, T. H. Sellar, 22nd Feb.,—Canton 21st Feb. General.	
—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	

# Sailing Vessels.

ALLERTON, British ship, 1,018, Toye, 31st Jan.,—Cardiff 8th Sept. Coal—Admiralty.	
BERLIN, American ship, 1,552, B. Gaffey, 20th Feb.,—New York 14th Sept. Kerosine Oil—Order.	
BRODERICK CASTLE, British ship, 1,745, O. Olsen, 29th Jan.,—New York 24th Aug. Case Oil—Standard Oil Co.	
EMILY REED, American ship, 1,460, D. G. Nickles, 1st Feb.,—Singapore 11th Dec. Petroleum—Standard Oil Co.	
ISAAC REED, American ship, 1,887, Wares, 8th Feb.,—New York 16th Aug. Kerosine Oil—Standard Oil Co.	
TRAFALGAR, British-masted bark, 1,616, M. S. Wright, 26th Dec.,—Hongay 15th Dec. Ballast—Sander, Wier & Co.	
WARATAH, British schooner, 25, Haynes & Co., Sept.,—Takow 15th Sept. Ballast—Mr. F. W. Hall.	

# HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS ON THE CHINA STATION.

Hongkong, February 23rd, 1900.

Albatross, despatch vessel, 1,700 tons, 10 6-pd. q.f. guns, 3,000 i.h.p., Commander A. H. Smith-Dorrien, Hongkong.	
Algerine, sloop, 1,050 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 i.h.p., Comdr. E. J. W. Slade, Hongkong.	
Aurora, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. E. H. Bayly, Hongkong.	
Barfleur, 1st class battleship, 13,000 tons, 14 guns, 13,163 i.h.p., Captain Hon. S. C. J. Colville, C.B., en route Wei-hai-wei.	
Bonaventure, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 18 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. R. H. J. Montgomerie, C.B., R.N., Shanghai.	
Brisk, British cruiser, 1,770 tons, 6 guns, 5,000 i.h.p., Capt. R. B. S. V. V. Hongkong.	
Centurion, British battleship, 10,500 tons, 14 guns, 9,000 i.h.p., Capt. J. R. Jellicoe, Hongkong.	
Daphne, sloop, 1,140 tons, 8 guns, 2,000 i.h.p., Comdr. C. Cunningham-Ingram, Hankow.	
Emulous, British cruiser, 7,350 tons, Capt. G. A. Callaghan, Wei-hai-wei.	
Est, coast defence gunboat, 763 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Chadwick, Ichang.	
Fame, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 5,400 i.h.p., Lieut.-Com. W. J. Keyes, Hongkong.	
Firebrand, 3rd class gunboat, 455 tons, 4 guns, 360 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. Chadwick, Ichang.	
Handy, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.	
Harv, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 260 tons, 6 guns, 4,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.	
Hunter, British cruiser, 4,360 tons, Capt. R. S. D. Cunningham, Hongkong.	
Hunter, storeship, 1,610 tons, 800 i.h.p., Com. H. J. Davison, Hongkong.	
Iphigenia, 2nd class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 8 guns, 7,000 i.h.p., Capt. H. N. Dudding, Singapore.	
Lime, gun-vessel, 750 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Commander W. W. Smythe, Wuchow.	
Orlando, British cruiser, 3,600 tons, Capt. J. H. Burke, Manila.	
Pentac, 1st class gunboat, 775 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. S. G. Douglas, Shanghai.	
Phalar, British gunboat, 1,015 tons, Comdr. Cochran, Hongkong.	
Pigmy, 1st class gunboat, 750 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. J. F. E. Green, Hongkong.	
Plover, 1st class gunboat, 453 tons, 6 guns, 1,200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. C. V. de M. Cowper, Manila.	
Redpoll, British gunboat, 805 tons, Capt. F. F. Haworth Booth, Shanghai.	
Sandpiper, British river gunboat, 2 guns, Lt.-Comdr. Carr on the West River.	
Swift, gun-vessel, 750 tons, 2 heavy guns, 4 6-pounders, 870 i.h.p., Hongkong.	
Tamar, receiving ship, 4,600 tons, Comdr. Powell, Hongkong.	
Tweed, coast defence gunboat, 363 tons, 3 guns, 200 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. H. E. Hollman, on the West River.	
Undisputed, 1st class cruiser, 3,600 tons, 12 guns, 8,500 i.h.p., Capt. A. C. Clarke, Hongkong.	
Victoria, British battleship, 14,900 tons, 32 guns, 12,000 i.h.p., Captain A. Schomberg, Hongkong.	
Waterloo, surveying vessel, 620 tons, Comdr. W. F. Dawson, Hongkong.	
Whiting, twin screw, torpedo-boat destroyer, 360 tons, 6000 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. E. Kelly, Hongkong.	
Wiven, coast defence ship, 2,750 tons, 4 8 in. guns, 1,000 i.h.p., Hongkong.	
Woodcock, British gunboat, 2 guns, 560 i.h.p., Lieut.-Comdr. Watson, on the Yangtze.	
Woodward, British gunboat, 2 guns, 550 i.h.p., Lt.-Comdr. R. A. Norton, on the Yangtze.	
Torpedo-boats in Reserve Nos. 8 and 20, 35, 37, and 38, first-class; and 3 second-class boats.	

# Miscellaneous.

Liberal, Portuguese gunboat, 388 tons, Comdr. Cunha, Hongkong.	
Presidente Sarmiento, Argentine cruiser, 2,850 tons, Capt. Beltrami, Manila.	
Valerian, Danish cruiser, 3,000 tons, Prince Valdemar, Shanghai.	
Zenta, Austrian cruiser, 2,500 tons, Captain Edward Thoman von Montalmar, Hongkong.	

# FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA AND JAPAN STATION.

The Russian Squadron.

Admiral Korniloff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,000 tons twin screw, 36 guns, 9,500 i.h.p., Captain Jakovlev, at Nagasaki.</
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